



*[Handwritten signature]*

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: David J. Sager, et al.  
SERIAL NO. : 09/745,549  
FILED : December 26, 2000  
FOR : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PARTIAL MERGERS FOR SUB-  
REGISTER DATA OPERATIONS  
ART UNIT : 2183  
EXAMINER : Charles A. Harkness

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the December 2, 2004 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121) to which a response is due January 2, 2005, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: